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V.F.W. to hold clothing and canned goods drive

MILLBURY - The Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post 3329 and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a clothing and canned goods drive to benefit the Salvation Army's homeless and needy families programs on Tuesday, October 13, from 2-8 p.m.

The homeless program provides individuals with a place to go and warm up, take a shower, get some clean, warm clothes, and something to eat.

The needy families program helps families with needed clothing and food to help stretch their budgets.

The drive organizers are asking the residents of Millbury and surrounding towns to help them help those in need. Clothes for men, women and children, including boots and shoes, are needed. Anything you have in good condition will be greatly appreciated.

Any canned or non-perishable food will also be gratefully accepted and will help needy families with meals.

If you have a donation and are unable to bring it to the V.F.W. hall, call one of the following individuals: Rosanna LaBelle, Chairman (753-3382), Alex Dempsey, Post Commander (865-5721), Bertha Lee (865-5973), and Lucille LaMontagne (865-6866).

Good Works Add Up

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lions Club has spent the past year, and spent and spent and spent....Expenditures for July 1991 through July 1992 show a variety of worthwhile causes that have benefitted from the Club's donations:

- $705.88 to build a wheel chair ramp for an elderly man through a request from the District Nurses.
- Childrens' shoes and boots for the start of school - $178.77
- Millbury police bicycle safety program - $200.00
- Food for five different families - $165.00.
- Hearing aid test and repairs for four people - $834.94
- Home heating oil for three families (member donation)
- Eye glasses and exams for three people - $647
- Heating and cooling suit, H.E.D. Foundation - $2,583.28
- All State Band, sponsored a student - $260
- Assumption School Walk-a-thon - $100
- Project READ, Shaw School, $10.00
- Repair of electronic sight machine at high school - $116.98
- Health Fair at V.F.W. with Sight Mobile - $834
- Lions DVS Fund - $50
- High School History trip to Washington - $500
- Guide dog foundation - $50
- Scholarships (2) - $2,000
- Student achievement award - $300
- Clara Barton Camp, District Gov. Name - $25
- Eyeglass Shipment $23.16
- Mass. Eye Research Fund - $10,300
- L.C.I.F., Melvin Jones Award - $1,000
- Sight and Hearing Fund, Joseph J. Camarda, Award - $500
- Lazarus Organ Donor Program - $100
- Sight Mobile - $500
- Journey for sight walk-a-thon - $1045
- Christmas for kids, clothing and toy for over 139 kids - $2,729.26
- Feeding seniors and council on aging volunteers-$722
- Speech Contest, High School - $654.00
- Quest program at Millbury schools (drug awareness program) - final cost not in.
- Clara Barton Camp, 2 girls with diabetes-$600
- Pledge to Providence Nursing Home for player piano - $150
- Berms and Field Maintenance (Windle Field) - $689.00
- Super Park Fund - $1,500

The Lions Club would like to thank the citizens of Millbury and the Blackstone Valley for their support.

And, no doubt, the citizens of Millbury and the Blackstone Valley would like to thank the Lions Club!

Heritage Homecoming set for October 2-4

UXBRIDGE - The 7th Annual Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming will be celebrated throughout the Valley from Friday, October 2, through Sunday, October 4.

The theme of this year's Homecoming Days is "A Salute to Mendon on its 325th Birthday." Mendon is the oldest Valley town. Last year, the local heritage organization honored the youngest community, Millville, on that town's 75th anniversary.

Many exciting events are scheduled for Heritage Homecoming Days, including an Ecumenical Breakfast, children's festivals, Douglas Oktoberfest, picnics, canoe race, senior citizen walkathon, Waters Farm Day, a bonfire, and more.

A complete list of events is included in the annual souvenir book on sale at various local businesses.

In Sutton, the following events are scheduled for both Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4:

Sherman Blacksmith and Wainwright Shop Demonstration from 10-3. A blacksmith will be on hand to demonstrate his craft, sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society. Take Boston Road, off Route 146, to Sutton center.

From 10-3, the Sutton Historical Society General Rufus Putnam Museum, Sutton Center, will also be open.

From 10-4, visit Waters Farm on Waters Road in West Sutton where the 13th Annual Waters Farm Day will be held. $5 per car entry fee. Featured will be: craft show, displays of antique farm implements, machinery & tools, plowing, mowing and harrowing by horses, display and demonstrations by Early American crafters, displays of gas engines and tractors, exhibit of paintings by local artists, free hay wagon rides, teamsters demonstrations, children's games, equestrian displays, cider making, and tours of Waters Farm House. Refreshments will include homemade hot apple crisp topped with ice cream, home baked goodies, hot dogs, hamburgers, chili and fresh apple cider. At 2:00 p.m., the Blackstone Valley Heritage Chorale will perform at the Farm.

On Wednesday, October 7, from 1-3 p.m., an Open House will be held in the Senior Center room at the Sutton Town Hall. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Sutton Elders and the Sutton Golden Age Club. There will also be an Apple Pie Contest for anyone who wishes to participate. There will be refreshments, movies and games.

VFW Bike-a-Thon Benefits Research Hospital

Beth and Jodie LaBelle are ready to lead the pack.

Photos by Alexander A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Thirty-four riders participated in a Bike-a-Thon on Sunday to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The event was sponsored by the Charles F. Minney Post 3329 and the Ladies Auxiliary. Rosanna LaBelle, one of the organizers, praised the efforts of the riders and the cooperation of police departments in Millbury, Sutton and Grafton.

Cheryl and Nicole Lusignan are all smiles at the thought of helping others through their participation.

Danielle Murphy and Kelly Tolka appear anxious to get underway.

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We The People

Grateful for Publicity

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Millbury Lions Club for the generous amount of publicity you allowed us during the past year. With your help the Lions Club received the exposure it needs to stay successful.

You may be interested to know that because of the generosity of local businesses, the public and members of the Lions club, we worked, raised and gave over $32,000 this past year.

The Lions Club would like to thank everyone that contributed to the many fund raisers that made all of this possible. Just to name a few: The Carnival with Fireworks Display, the weekly Meat Raffles at the St. Charles Hotel, the Lions First Block Party and the many ticket raffles.

We are already planning for next year's activities, I hope we can count on you for your continued support.

The Lions motto is "WE SERVE." It was easier this year because of you, your staff, and the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

Will Morin, Immediate Past President
Millbury Lions club

Thank You...

To the Editor:

Just wanted to thank my mother Anne Rano for sending me the Chronicle. I enjoy the news from back home very much. I also want to thank my friends and relatives for all the lovely cards and prayers they have sent me during my illness.

And thank you for making me feel at home again.

Vivian Bernard
Wilmington, Vermont

Thank You...

To our many friends and relatives, we thank you for your love and support given to us by your gifts of flowers, food, cards, masses, and memorial donations to the District Nursing Society and the Millbury Woman's Club Scholarship Fund.

We will always remember your kindness and love, and we thank you again for being there for us.

The entire family of the late John A. Ducharme

The Thought Was There

Like many other Social Service Agency Directors, Judy O'Connor wrote to Barbara Bush and invited her to stop by the Millbury Senior Center on the day of her visit to Worcester. To her great surprise, a week before the scheduled visit she received a letter from the White House.

With hesitation, she opened it, assuming it would say "Sorry, I can't come." But, after reading it twice, she calmly announced to the many elderly who had gathered around her, "I think it's a definite maybe." Sure enough, the letter stated that if at all possible, Mrs. Bush would stop by. With that, Mrs. O'Connor called her cousin, Senator Matt Amorello, who proceeded to see what was necessary to convince Mrs. Bush to come here. Mrs. O'Connor then prepared a proposal and it was sent off to Washington. She was told that a decision would be made over the weekend.

The Senior Center was then prepared for her visit, the goal was to make the Asa Waters Mansion (home of the Senior Center) shine, and to coordinate all the town's service agencies. The main objective was to show how well the elderly are cared for, and what programs and services we have for them.

The Council on Aging/Senior Center is the focal point of all activities, working hand in hand with the District Nursing Society, Adult Day Health Care, Congregate Housing, Providence House Nursing Home, Millbury Convalescent Home, and intergenerational programs with the schools in our area.

As you are aware, Mrs. Bush stopped at the Zion Lutheran Day Care Center in Worcester for her visit, and even though she couldn't come to Millbury, we were so pleased to find that we were at least considered.

Millbury Council on Aging

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-9

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: link sausage, french toast stix, FF, applesauce
TUESDAY: grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, french fries, jello/topping
WEDNESDAY: juice submarine sandwich, french fries, fruit
THURSDAY: juice, beef stew (beef-carrots & potatoes), pan roll/butter, brownie
FRIDAY: lasagna/sauce, french fries, tossed salad, garlic bread, pudding

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: juice, chicken nuggets, french fries, pan roll/butter, pudding
TUESDAY: link sausage, French toast stix, hash brown potato, applesauce
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, potato chips, fruit
THURSDAY: chicken pot pie, potato puffs, pan roll/butter, brownie
FRIDAY: juice, pizza, tossed salad, Rice Krispie squares

Camp Fire Meeting

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 7, at 7 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. New leaders and all parents are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, call Sue Rainville at 865-4617.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday noon of the week prior to publication. The office is closed on Saturdays, but announcements, subscription renewals, etc. may be left in the mail box to the right of the side entrance door.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Town to Challenge State Ruling

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The September 22 Selectmen's meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo asked Administrative Assistant Earl Chase for an update on any progress with early retirement incentives for municipal employees.

Chase said he received a package of materials on the new legislation and its implementation. He indicated a mailing will go out to each department to determine how town employees feel about the legislation, which must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the vote of the Town Meeting.

MBTA Proposal

The Board met with Jeff Dore of the MBTA Study Committee who was present to seek the support of the Board for an alternate access route off Route 20 that they are recommending for a proposed MBTA station. The state has come forward with a preliminary plan that shows access to the station from Grafton Road in the vicinity of the Massachusetts Turnpike entrance.

Dore said a letter of support from the selectmen will give his committee's alternative a chance of getting a hearing during the environmental impact report process.

"We want to be on equal terms," Dore said. He also indicated that Senator Matt Amorello and Representative Paul Kollios have been asked to send a letter of support for the committee's alternative proposal. "We want the State to provide us with equal time and input on the environmental study. We want equal time and response which will prevent concentration on only their alternative," he said.

Dore also reported that he was informed by Tony Russell, who owns the property next to the railroad overpass to Westboro Street, that he was not happy when he heard that the Millbury committee has suggested that the access road be located off Rte 20 through his property. Dore said Russell told him he couldn't figure out where the committee had the right to propose that.

Cristo said the state hasn't notified other property owners who are being considered for land takings under eminent domain proceedings.

The Board voted unanimously to support the MBTA Study Committee's request for a letter of support.

Later in the meeting, Selectman Roland Lachance objected to Cristo's comments that have appeared in the press that give the impression that the Board is holding up the MBTA proposal. He said Cristo's comments as Chairman reflect on the Board and he asked the individual Board members to vote on whether or not they are in favor of the MBTA coming to Millbury.

Lachance said he was specifically referring to comments by Cristo that the town should get something in return for the siting of the terminal in Millbury. "I don't think that's appropriate," he said.

Cristo said it may not be an issue unless "they try to ram it down our throats."

"It's going to happen anyway," Lachance said, "and everyone will benefit. Lots of people will take the MBTA."

Sylvio Bourdeau asked if the MBTA has surveyed the residents of that area for their input and was told they had not.

Lachance said the Board doesn't have to take a vote tonight but should be thinking about what position it will take.

Gauthier said he has no problem with the concept but is concerned that Millbury may have to pick up any deficits related to the MBTA station.

Bourdeau said that if there are not enough users, the town will be faced with the deficit.

Jonathan Drive

Richard Block, of Jonathan Drive in Westfield Village off Grafton Street, was present to request assistance from the Board relative to providing safer speed limits on Jonathan Drive. He suggested speed limits of 15-20 miles per hour.

Earl Chase noted that the subdivision streets have not been accepted by the town and that the area does not lend itself to a speed zone as it is thickly settled and would be considered within a 30 mph area.

The Board will look into cutting down a knoll which, according to Block, creates a hazard.

"All I am asking for is that town officials do what you can," Block said.

Another resident of Westfield Village asked the Board if the town would give him a 5% reduction in taxes since he has been waiting for two years for work to be completed and the streets to be accepted. He also noted he was in here before the Board two years ago on similar concerns.

Cristo said the town has to be sure it is not left holding the bag if a developer doesn't do the work up to specifications and walks away. "There are safeguards for that reason," he said.

At Lachance's suggestion, Chase will ask the developer to come before the board to discuss the issues. "It's his responsibility to get the work done, not the town's to spend money for the work."

Miscellaneous

- The Board approved the appointment of Lisa Bennes of Croyden Street to the Council on Aging.

- Two individuals have applied for the position of sealer and weights. The appointment will be considered at a future meeting.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the request of Brenda Gasco to have two maple trees cut down to allow for access to her property at 45 Dolan Rd.

Gasco's attorney, Mark Donohue, noted that the trees were a factor in the denial of a driveway permit his client sought from the Town Planner as the trees would be a visual hazard in access and egress from the property. Donohue remarked that the Planner also indicated that because of the

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site location and land usage, there was no other suitable access for a driveway. The trees would flank the driveway as proposed and there would be damage to the root system if a driveway was constructed in between the two maples. Donohue said the law allows for access of a person to their property and requested that the two trees be removed.

Lachance said from past experience with new construction, trees usually are damaged and the town ends up cutting them down anyway.

The board unanimously approved Lachance's motion to grant the builder the authority to cut down the two tress.

Contractor Fees

The Board discussed, but did not approve, fees related to a legislative mandate imposed upon town building inspectors to certify that contractors doing home improvement have acquired the necessary state permits which includes a state fee of $100 to be paid every two years to the state. The money would be held in an insurance fund for compensation to homeowners if contracted work is not completed.

Bleau said he could not see the point of the legislation and thought it was ridiculous.

The Board voted to send a letter to the State Auditor seeking reimbursement from the state for the certifying and monitoring of those doing home improvement work in town.

Building Inspector Rene Morin, in response to questions on how the law affects homeowners who do some of their own improvements, indicated that all a homeowner has to do is sign an affidavit stating that he/she will be doing the work.

Morin explained that the law was adopted in 1991 and that he was mandated to attend a seminar on the new regulations. He suggested that a fee of $3.00 be charged to cover the cost of paper work for a permit.

The Board delayed taking a vote on any fee until they hear back from the State Auditor.

Morin said the law was probably instituted to protect the homeowner and noted that he has a listing in his office with numerous complaints from residents who had contractors walk away from jobs without completing the work.

Lachance said those who pay contractors up front are foolish and probably deserve what happens.

Cristo said, in his opinion, the law "stinks" and is a money making regulation for the State.

Morin said it also adds more work for his office since he has to inspect the work as well.

Leslie Lane resident Sylvio Bourdeau suggested that if the state is requiring the building inspector to certify that contractors have permits, then he is in effect working for the state and they should be paying him.

Lachance suggested that the town challenge this regulation. The Board concurred as Cristo asked for a motion to seek redress from the State Auditor. The Board voted 4-0 to seek redress. Selectmen Bernard Plante had left the room and did not vote.

Class 2 License

A public hearing was held over the class 2 license of Edward Quinlan for his business on Route 146, Custom Auto. The hearing was held to determine what action should be taken relative to complaints that Quinlan has been displaying more used cars on his lot than his license allows. The restriction on his license calls for only 10 cars, and site visits over a period of several months by the building inspector, Earl Chase, and Selectmen Donald Gauthier discovered as many as 17 to 20 cars at a time.

Cristo, an abutter, stepped down from the Chair and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Quinlan said there were 10 cars on his lot as of September 22 and in the past several months, because of the recession, he has had to take in repair and reconditioning work to maintain a weekly wage. He also noted that state law requires that he has a repair service available either on his own property or at some other location.

Gauthier noted that some of the excess cars were not his for resale and should not have been on his lot as the law relates to the repair of cars he has sold.

Quinlan maintained that some of the cars brought to the lot are from other dealers and he said that work has become a necessity to keep his wages up.

Lachance said he could sympathize with Quinlan given the state of the economy and the location of his business along Rte 146. He remarked that other businesses along 146 have suffered from the ongoing repairs on the highway.

Gauthier suggested that the matter be resolved by bringing Quinlan into compliance. He also said the Board can ignore the violations or vote to revoke the license.

Gauthier also raised the issue of a site plan review as requested by the Planning Board but not yet filed by Quinlan.

Quinlan said he had dealt with former Town Planner Dave Hulsberg who had requested changes in the site plan but the plan did not go forward after Hulseberg left his position.

Gauthier asked Quinlan to take the site plan to the Planning Board for a hearing as they have requested.

Chase noted that there needs to be a clarification on which vehicles are for sale and which are not.

Plante said he did not think the present size of the lot would allow for more cars to be displayed.

Lachance asked Quinlan if there were more repairs on cars than sales.

Quinlan replied yes, if buffing, waxing and reconditioning of cars is included.

Gauthier, noting there were violations of the license, asked the Board members how they wished to dispose of the matter.

Bleau suggested that the matter be deferred until the Planning Board meets and a recommendation comes forth from the town planner. The vote to wait for action by the planning board was 4-0.

Paul Revere

The Board voted to move to executive session to discuss litigation related to the Paul Revere Condominiums off Grafton Street. The vote was 4-1 with Lachance opposed, saying he thought the townspeople should know what is going on. Those attending the closed session included the Sewer Commissioners, Board of Health, Town Counsel, and Hartford Insurance attorneys.

Following the closed session of approximately 55 minutes, Town Counsel John Giorgio briefed those not allowed to attend the closed session on matters pertaining to issues that should have been dealt with in open session but which Giorgio maintained were intertwined with those matters that are for executive session.

Giorgio said he informed the Selectmen what the Attorney General's Office and the Builder of Paul Revere, Forrow Builders, have agreed upon in a modification of an order which will require the builder to make some modifications to some of the septic systems. Three of the septic systems that are most problematic will be pumped on a weekly basis. The remainder of the systems are to be pumped initially and then

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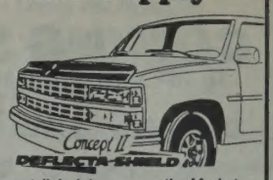

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monitored to determine if there is any additional pumping to be done.

"In addition to that," Giorgio said, "the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and the Sewer Commissioners have asked me to send a letter to the Attorney General's office requesting that town officials be kept informed in regards to enforcement proceedings and any additional orders that may be entered. In a sense," he said, "the town officials have not been kept informed, and of course there is an interest in us knowing what is happening. The Insurance Counsel is here, Attorney Edward Donnelan, and he has informed us that the appeal by Paul Revere Association on a dismissal of a suit brought against the town is to be filed by the Association by October 5, 1992 and the insurance attorney will answer within 30 days on behalf of the town."

Jack Lilley, a spokesman for the Paul Revere Condominium Association, asked Giorgio whether an enforcement order that was placed upon the Association by the Board of Health last May was discussed in closed session.

Cristo replied that it was not .

Lilley then suggested that the modified injunction "is a shadow of the tight tank requirement that is going to be imposed on us by the Board of Health Order. I don't want to see a double standard here," he said, " as the builder is allowed to comply to a different standard than that being applied to the Association by the town and the Board of Health. We are not looking for an enforcement order to be forced on us if it turns out in the end that the builder is held liable, if it is determined we can't hold him liable because they never enforced the enforcement order.

Giorgio replied that the final enforcement order has not been made as yet so the Association is not under any obligation. "I think I speak for the Board of Health," he said, "as they will wait to see if the public health issue is abated by the Attorney General's action and, assuming that resolves it on a temporary basis, they may enforce it in final form if they feel it is needed to resolve a public health threat. In my opinion," Giorgio said, "the Board of Health would not be absolved from enforcing that order or any additional requirements against the builder. The Attorney General in the orders has specifically reserved all their rights to seek additional orders from the court."

"For the record," Lilley said, "the Board of Health has been very cooperative. Looking from the outside and not being a lawyer, it looks like there are two different standards operating here."

Lilley also noted that in the orders issued by the court last week, there is indication that the work to be done at three buildings at Paul Revere on the septic lines requires a license from the town which, he said, he understands Forrow Builders has let lapse.

Special Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the petitioned articles for a special town meeting submitted by Sylvio Bourdeau at last week's meeting.

Some of the articles deal with a bylaw for the recall of elected officials, one with a bylaw allowing for referendum petitions, another for a by-law requiring attendance of elected officials at town meetings, and a by-law to include the conflict of interest statutes, prohibition of certain activities of town officials, and a change in the annual election to the second Saturday in May. The by-law changes all have a provision for rescinding them at an election by voters.

Two articles are being submitted by the Planning Board, one for a biomedical research bylaw and the other for a bylaw dealing with the aquifer watershed protection overlay district.

The Selectmen will have articles on the warrant pertaining to the construction of the spillway at Lake Singletary and the construction of a gate house.

Another article will seek the acceptance of Cyndi Lane and Nicole Drive as public ways.

The Auditor has submitted an article for over expended payroll taxes amounting to $6581.

The Assessors are proposing an article for funds for appraisals of taxable property as required by the state.

The Board voted unanimously to set the Special Town Meeting date as Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Fall Flea Market

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist church will hold its annual Fall Flea Market on Saturday, October 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street next to the common.

Flea market items will include plants, silk flower arrangements, crafts, attic treasures, toys, puzzles, window shades, used clothing, "you-name-its," and all sort of bargains. There will also be a bake table, some new holiday crafts, and a snack bar.

Preschool Playgroup

MILLBURY - The Elmwood Street School Playgroup will be starting up again on Tuesday, October 6, and will meet every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 17 at the Elmwood Street School.

If you are a parent of a 2-5 year old and a Millbury resident, you and your child are invited to join the group. There is no charge to attend. If you have any questions, call Sue Johnson at 865-1575.

New Associate Director named at Tri-Valley

SOUTHBRIDGE - Marilyn L. Travinski of Southbridge has been appointed Associate Director of Tri-Valley Elder Services, Inc., a private, non-profit agency serving the needs of the elderly in 25 communities in South Central Massachusetts, including the town of Sutton.

Bernard P. Gagnon, Executive Director, introduced Travinski as the new supervisor of the Adult family care, state home care, nutrition, and volunteer services. "We are training Marilyn to replace me as the agency executive director when I retire in two years," Gagnon said. "She has a varied work experience which tells us she is able to adapt to different circumstances. That is what is needed for this position."

Travinski was assistant Headmaster at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT, when she left to run for the legislature. She served four terms as the state representative for Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, and Sturbridge as well as the House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor before she returned to work in the private sector.

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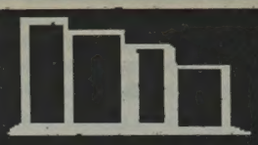

On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

Back by popular demand, the Auburn Road duo of Elaine Loehmann and Karen Beaudoin recently presented yet another informative, entertaining and, in the end, delicious presentation to the Friends of the Millbury Public Library at their 1992 annual meeting.

This year, Karen and Elaine chose "Art of Giving" as their theme. They culled magazines, recipe books and gift stores to come up with gift giving ideas that were both easy-to-do and easy on the pocket book. They demonstrated and displayed several simple, but imaginative, heartfelt gifts that anyone could make, from handmade treasures to theme gift baskets.

Not a year has gone by where Karen and Elaine's presentation has not involved good food and lots of it. In keeping with that tradition, they provided several recipes of different types of foods for giving with tips on how to package and present them. The audience got to sample these food gift suggestions at the end of the evening.

If you could not make the annual Friends meeting, here's some of what you missed:

MULLED CIDER

2 quarts fresh apple cider
1/4 cup (packed) light brown sugar
2 bay leaves
2 cinnamon sticks (about two inches each)
1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamon
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
Zest of one orange, peeled in continuous spiral if possible.

Combine the cider, light brown sugar, bay leaves, cinnamon sticks, cloves, cardamon, nutmeg, and orange zest in a large pan. Bring to a boil, then simmer uncovered 30 minutes. Strain the spices from the mixture and discard. Return the cider to pan and keep warm. The cider is ready to be served.

APRICOT ORANGE CRANBERRY BREADS

3 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
2/3 cup fresh orange juice
2/3 cup milk
2 eggs
2/3 cup walnuts or pecans
2/3 cup finely chopped dried apricots
3 cups cranberries, chopped

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. In large bowl, cream butter with sugar and beat in zest and eggs, one at a time. Beat in orange juice and milk until they are combined well (it will curdle). Add the flour mixture and beat. Stir in rest of ingredients. Divide batter among 5 buttered and floured loaf pans, each 5 and 3/4 by 3 1/4 by 2 inches. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Keeps for one week or frozen of one month. **Gourmet**, December, 1990

BACON, CHEDDAR, AND SCALLION BREADS

3 cups flour
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup finely chopped scallions
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 tablespoons caraway seeds
1 lb. lean bacon, cooked drained, reserving 2 tablespoons of fat, and crumbled.
2 large eggs
1 1/2 cups milk
3 tablespoons dijon-style mustard
3 tablespoons vegetable shortening, melted and cooled
2 cups coarsely grated extra sharp cheddar (about 1/2 pound)

Sift flour, baking powder , soda, and sugar together. In a skillet, cook the scallion with pepper, salt, and caraway seeds in the reserved bacon fat over moderately low heat, stirring until it is soft. Let mixture cool. In large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, mustard and shortening, and scallion mixture. Add the flour mixture, stirring batter until it is just combined. Stir in cheddar, divide batter among four buttered and floured loaf pans each 5 3/4 by 3 1/4 by 2 inches and bake at 350 F. for 35-40 minutes. **Gourmet,** December 1990.

Library to forge links with day care

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library has announced a new service designed especially for day care provides. Entitled "Linking Libraries and Day Care," the project offers a variety of programs, free of charge, to licensed day care providers and facilities. The programs include:

- Story hour kits for loan. Each includes books, a toy, a video, and an activity packet on themes ranging from seasons to community helpers.
- A professional resource collection of books and videos on early childhood issues and education.
- The opportunity to have a speaker on linking young children, books, and libraries appear at day care in-service training sessions.

These programs are provided to the community through the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System and are federally funded by an L.S.C.A. Title I grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Linking Libraries and Day Care was initiated because children in day care are often unable to receive library services. This project brings library services to young people in their own environment. For more information, call Elaine Loehmann at 865-1181.

Lioness Club 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 18, at the Charles F. Minney Post, South Main Street, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be $3.50 per person, $2.50 for Seniors. Children under the age of five will be admitted free of charge. Second helpings will be on the house.

Raiders take opener

The season warmed up at the Jamboree in Hudson. The defense was strong, not allowing Wachusett any points.

In their first game, the Raiders kicked off to the Vikings. Defense held them from a first down. When the offense took over, Michael "Freight Train" Palin was unstoppable. Brandon O'Neal had a strong run resulting in a touchdown. A quarterback sneak accounted for the second touchdown. With both conversions being successful, the Raiders were up 16-0 at halftime.

Millbury kicked off once again. Aggressive defense by Mike Deluca and Tony Coporale slowed down the Worcester drive. An interception by David Tefft kept the Raiders' momentum going.

J.J. Donovan scored on an option play. Andy Krumsiek, a first year player, scored the final touchdown. Strong performances were put in by Ryan Clark and Ryan Day. The final score was Raiders 30, Vikings 0.

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Flu Vaccine in Sutton

SUTTON - Flu vaccine will be offered to high risk residents of Sutton at a Flu Clinic at the Dudley Gendron American Legion Post, 156 Boston Road, on Friday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is advised, starting October 5th. To register, call the Board of Health office at 865-4279 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday only.

Anyone with a fever or cold, or who has an allergy to egg products, should not receive the flu shot.

Any questions concerning the vaccine requirements can be answered by calling the Millbury District Nursing Society at 865-4373.

Merit Scholarship Program

MILLBURY - More than one million students who took the 1991 PSAT/NMSQT entered the 1993 National Merit Scholarship Program. According to a press release from Millbury High School, Kevin Pease received Selection Index scores that place him among the approximately 50,000 highest-scoring participants. Some 15,000 of them, including Pease, have been honored as Semifinalists.

Pease will now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,500 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pease of 407 West Main Street.

Ravosa Calls for Neal to sign pledge

SPRINGFIELD - Second District (which now includes the towns of Sutton and Millbury) congressional candidate Anthony Ravosa, Jr. has joined forces with 60 other challengers and ten incumbents in a public commitment to deficit reduction. The bipartisan "Lead...or leave" pledge, sponsored by former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas and retiring Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH) is an effort to focus national attention on the snowballing deficit crisis.

The pledge states that unless the federal budget deficit in 1996 is 50% lower than the current $350 billion deficit, Ravosa will not seek re-election when his term expires. "This pledge is an attempt to restore the accountability that has been missing in Washington," Ravosa said.

Ravosa has challenged the Democrat incumbent, Richard Neal, to sign the pledge as well.

Ravosa said his campaign has focused on initiatives to solve the growing fiscal problems. "There is no issue facing our nation that is more critical than reducing the debt," he said. "If something isn't done immediately, it will be our children and grandchildren left to pay the tab."

Ravosa also said he supports both the Balanced Budget Amendment and Presidential line-item veto to control government spending.

Amorello donates $2,500 to Shelter

BOSTON - Senator Matthew J. Amorello (R-Grafton) donated $2,500 to the Central Massachusetts Shelter for Homeless Veterans. The donation was from proceeds of a golf tournament which Amorello sponsored on September 16.

"There are over 1,000 homeless veterans in Central Mass.," Amorello said, "and the Shelter not only provides housing, but addresses their specific needs. This donation will help them to continue the excellent care they provide for our area veterans."

Low interest home improvement loans

The Massachusetts Housing finance Agency (MHFA), in cooperation with the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD), has made available $5 million through its Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP). The funds will help low and moderate-income residents make repairs or improvements in their homes.

HILP loans are available at the fixed interest rate of 5% and are expected to assist nearly 400 families. The minimum loan amount is $2,500 and the maximum is $15,000. Loan terms range from six months to 15 years. The MHFA has reserved half of its HILP funds for elderly homeowners and for households that want to make homes accessible to a disabled family member.

Interested homeowners should contact participating MHFA-designated, local rehabilitation agencies which will assist with completing loan applications, arranging property inspections and hiring contractors. A brochure, providing program guidelines and a complete list of participating agencies can be obtained by calling MHFA's office of Single Family Programs at (617) 451-2766.

Glodis calls on Amorello to return PAC money

WORCESTER - Guy Glodis has challenged Senator Matthew J. Amorello (R-Grafton) to return all campaign contributions raised from PACs and special interests.

Glodis will face Amorello in the November General Election for the State Senate seat in the 1st Worcester District and the Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Millbury, Sutton, Grafton, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Leicester, Northboro, Upton, and Westboro.

"We deserve a State Senator that's accountable to the people of this district and not big business or Corporate America," Glodis said. "Amorello's voting record clearly indicates he represents a different constituency than that of the 1st Worcester and Middlesex District."

Glodis also called Amorello's recent fundraiser for the Homeless Veterans "...a real smokescreen and contradiction that Amorello would be donating money to the Homeless Veterans when it is the policies of the Republicans that are responsible for these veterans being homeless."

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Sutton Library News

By Joanne Donnelly

"Nanna??"
"Uh-hmm."
"Nanna, would you draw me a berry??"
"A berry?"
"uh-hu."
"What kind of berry, sweetheart, a strawberry, a blueberry?"
"No, a liberry."

It's been years since this "library lady" felt the trepidation and excitement of a school bus rolling up and stopping for you. It happened again this morning, but not for me to get on and ride. It was for young men from Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School in their coveralls, holding tool carriers, spilling out the bus' rear exit, and "accidentally" bumping into each other until corralled by their teacher, John Festa. Since they had been left off right in front of the Sutton Police Department, and that was where he was pointing, one can only imagine what he was suggesting or implying.

They were on the wrong side of the building, but it didn't matter. It was a nice day, and they were able to see the whole breadth and height of the Town Hall while walking around to the rear (10th anniversary coming up!)

What were they doing here? Well, these are your tax dollars at work. They and fellow classmates are beginning the expansion and renovations to your library. The project is beginning for them, but it has actually been since February of 1988 that the seed of the idea was planted when Lester Aldrich took me out to the back storage area, looked around, and asked, "What do you think about making a children's area out of this?"

Ever have the feeling something was about to happen over which you had no control, but you knew it was right? Like puzzle pieces meshing or lock tumblers falling into place?

"Gee, Lester, let me find that letter from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners I got the other day -- something about a construction grant. Just read it once, but let's see - now where did I put that thing? Got to be here, someplace..." And the rest, as they say, is history. Which you will hear, bit by bit, blow by blow, gradually, in order that we might keep you up-to-date on what's happening here and why.

We have needed the space to order, access, process and shelve new books such as Jack Higgin's Eye of the Storm, Robert MacNeil's Burden of Desire, Elmore Leonard's Rum Punch and Len Deighton's City of Gold."

A mystery writer new to our shelves is Katherine Hall Page. Body in the Bouillon was such a hit that we have filled in with another of her books, Body in the Kelp. Mary Higgins Clark's All Around the Town is joined on our shelves by Decked, her daughter Carol Higgins Clark's thriller.

Since Christmas is only three months away (groan), our shelves are starting to see the new offerings such as The Great Wreath Book done by *Woman's Day*. Take advantage of this season and the good crop of apples to remember friends during the holidays with Marcia Adam's recipe for crockpot apple butter from her book Cooking From Quilt Country. Once you look through this book, you'll be able to think of several people on your list who would like the book itself!

Any projects on the horizon to be done while the air is crispy? How to Build Small Barns and Outbuildings might be just the inspiration. A small series by Robert Wood for repairing and fixing entitled All Thumbs Guide to Home Plumbing...Repairing Major Home Appliances,...Home Wiring,...Painting, Wallpapering & Stencilling.

Children haven't been forgotten, and although space is becoming very limited, Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young and Old Black Fly by Aylesworth will delight small readers and are prime examples of the talent of illustrators, while Antics by Cathi Hepworth shows the imagination of authors.

We ask that you be patient with our appearance. If you thought we were small before, come in and see how jammed we've become. If books are not where you've come to expect them, (and they aren't), don't hesitate to ask. It is a good project, and one we've needed for some time. The B.V. students will learn all aspects of construction from digging up concrete, plumbing, electricity, heating to finish carpentry. Your education tax dollars will benefit another tax-dependent department and you shall soon see and realize your efforts.

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Millbury Flu Clinic

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Health will hold a Flu Clinic for Millbury residents age 60 and over on Tuesday, October 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall on South Main Street. The cost is $1.00 per person. Call the Board of Health office (865-4721) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon only to pre-register.

Persons with allergies to egg products or who are ill and have a fever should not have a flu shot.

Fall Bazaar

WORCESTER - Notre Dame/St. Joseph's Parish will hold a Fall Bazaar in the church hall, 5 Salem Square, on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Topping the raffles is a first prize of $1,000. Second prize will be a handmade grandfather wall clock. The third prize will be a 15-piece hand-crafted nativity set with creche (this prize was one year in the making).

Highlights of the day include: games, Christmas Shop and handgoods, penny social, art corner, jewelry table, white elephant table, bake table, many special raffles, Notre Dame memorabilia table, turkey dinner, ham dinner, and basket of cheer raffle.

Quilt Show

WORCESTER - St. John's Episcopal Church, 166 Holden Street, will host a quilt show on Friday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items will also be on sale in the boutique, and a quilt will be raffled. The donation is $2.00.

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BOSTON - The House and Senate met informally last week and there were no roll call votes. Formal sessions are scheduled to resume this week.

The following votes by Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) are on five previously unrecorded roll calls from House debate on the fiscal 1993 state budget signed into law by Governor Weld July 20.

WATER POLLUTION (H 5600) - House 98-52, rejected an amendment providing $500,000 for the expenses of a lawsuit related to groundwater pollution at the Otis Military Base. Amendment supporters said this money will allow the Attorney General to bring suit to insure the quick cleanup of contamination which resulted from the Air Force's dropping of millions of gallons of hazardous material in the water. They said the area's drinking water supply is in danger of being destroyed. Opponents offered no arguments. Moore voted against the $500,000. Kollios did not vote.

PRIVATE VENDORS (H 5600) - House 93-56 rejected an amendment requiring private vendors who provide more than $40,000 in good s or services to the state to be deemed a state employee for ethics purposes only. Amendment supporters said many of these vendors are abusing the system with excessive salaries and relatives on their payrolls. They argued the amendment will simply hold them accountable. Opponents said these are private companies which should not be subject to the State Ethics Commission. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

BREAST CANCER (H 5600) - House 78-74, approved an amendment reducing funding for AIDS prevention and treatment by $5.1 million (from $25.7 million to $20.6 million) and using the $5.1 million to fund breast cancer research. Amendment supporters said this would take some of the increased funding designated for the AIDS epidemic and use it to help research breast cancer which affects thousands of women. Opponents said it is ill-advised and unfair to pit AIDS victims against breast cancer victims. They said they would support an amendment to fund breast cancer detection. The House later, on a voice vote, approved an amendment reducing AIDS funding by $3.1 million and providing $3 million for early breast cancer detection, mammography access for the uninsured, a public awareness program and research. Moore and Kollios voted against reducing AIDS funding by $5.1 M and against funding breast cancer research with $5.1M.

PARKING GARAGE (H 5600) - House 96-55. reiected an amendment requiring the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority to privatize the Boston Common Parking Garage. Amendment supporters said the Authority has mismanaged this garage to the point where it had to be closed for safety reasons. Opponents said the Authority has already voted to sell the garage title to the state and has recommended the garage be operated under a private contract. They said legislation to determine the specifics and costs involved is pending and claimed it is premature to adopt this amendment. Moore voted against the amendment. Kollios voted for the amendment.

BUDGET GROWTH (H 5600) House 118-33, rejected an amendment requiring a two-thirds vote in order for the state budget to increase more than the rate of inflation. Amendment supporters said this will insure fiscal responsibility and prevent excessive spending. Opponents said the amendment will tie the hands of the legislature and eliminate all flexibility. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 8 p.m. at the Manchaug Baptist Church in the center of Manchaug.

Following the business meeting, Dan Griffith will present a program entitled, "Wicker Furniture and Chair Seating." Refreshments will be served, and the public is welcome to attend.

Another Point of View

POVERTY - HUNGER - WELFARE... All one problem?

By Lawrence Moore

During the past few weeks the headlines have proclaimed dire statistics, first on poverty and then on hunger.

In a report requested by the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, it was revealed that 30 million Americans are not eating enough food. Families, forced to choose between heat and food, chose heat because "you die quicker without heat than without food". Compared with the mid-1980s, hunger has increased 50%.

Last year an additional 2 million Americans fell below the "poverty line," raising the total of poor people to 35.7 million, 14.2% of the population compared with 13.5% in 1990.

Callously treating poor and hungry Americans as statistics, the Democrats put the blame on the 12 years of Republican rule, and the Republicans berate the Democratic Congress for obstructionism.

Why, if we spent about $250 billion in welfare in 1991, are we faced with these startling numbers?

The answer is that the system feeds on itself. Welfare recipients, too many of them, have for years learned to live on society. All sorts of chicanery, false identification, multiple names and addresses, fatherless households, and dozens of other angles add up to an amazing per-capita cost to the Americans who pay taxes and support the system.

Since 1969 the poverty rate has swung between 11% and 15%, but the cost of welfare has increased from about $64 billion to the present $250 billion

Aside from the obvious conclusion that welfare is due for a radical change, it is also true that our definition of 'poverty', our basis for welfare, is faulty.

Robert Rector, a policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, dissected the Census Bureau report, and came up with some startling revelations. To begin with, he makes two important points about the definition of poverty: family assets are ignored, and welfare monetary aid is undercounted; food, housing and medical aid is ignored. As welfare increases, people work less, thereby increasing the 'poverty' totals. The truly destitute make up a tiny fraction of the total.

In 1989 40% of 'poor' households owned their own homes, an average three-bedroom with a garage and a porch. And according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Census Bureau, one million 'poor' people own homes worth more than $80,000 and 75,000 own homes worth $300,000 or more. The 'poor' have twice as much space as the Japanese, and four times as much as the Russians. 'Poor' children grow up to be an inch taller and 10 pounds heavier than World War II GIs. People defined as 'poor' are better off, as far as food, housing and property are concerned, than average Americans through most of the 20th Century.

Not covered in Rector's report is the Underground Economy. Why, with so high an 'unemployed' figure, do we not see more suffering? Example: a lady loses a job, and collects unemployment, with "extensions." All the while she cuts hair at home and baby-sits neighbors' children. She owns her home, but, with unemployment exhausted, technically has no income, is eligible for welfare, and is added to the ranks of the 'poor'. It is impossible to know how many unemployed executives, laborers and tradesmen are getting by with undeclared income, taking advantage of whatever the welfare system offers.

The system does feed on itself, adding to the 'poverty' count, increasing welfare spending, expanding the bureaucracy, and breeding a society in which, according to Warwick R.I. researcher "Childreach," more than half of 10 to 14 year-olds believe they will not provide, for their children, a better family life or an improved society. Under the welfare system millions of children grow up without fathers, adults lack the work ethic, and too many of our people are deprived of hope for the future. Poverty, hunger and welfare are indeed part of the same problem, a budget-busting drain on the economy, and a serious impediment to the progress of our country.

MBTA Advisory Committee

MILLBURY - The MBTA Advisory Committee will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall. The next scheduled meeting is October 13th.

Friends Book and Bake Sale

MILLBURY - Don't miss the Friends of the Millbury Public Library's semi-annual book and bake sale on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Donations of books and baked goods will be appreciated.

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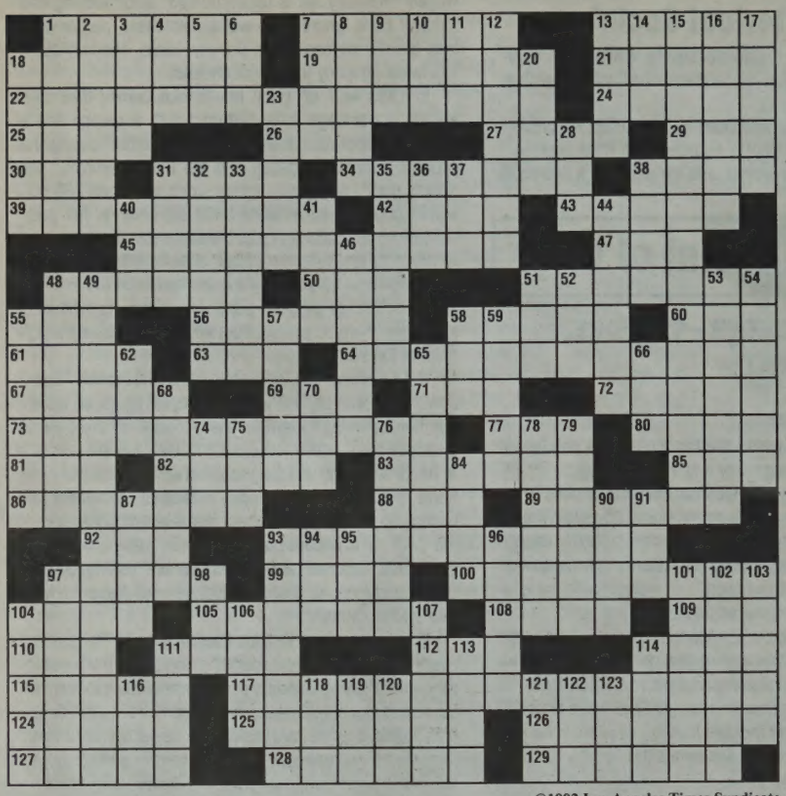

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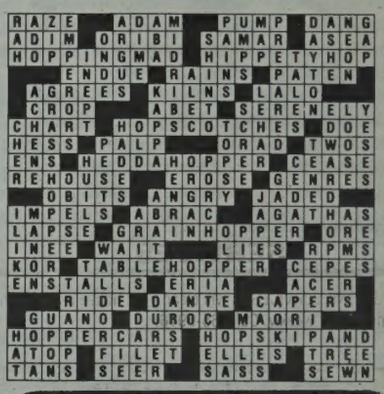

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Legals...Legals

Town of Sutton
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAX CLASSIFICATION

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 56 as amended, the Sutton Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 6, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. in its chambers at the Sutton Town Hall for the purpose of determining the percentage of the tax burden to be borne by each class of property for Fiscal Year 1993.

The Sutton Board of Assessors will be in attendance at this hearing to provide information and data relevant to making such determination and the fiscal effect of the available alternatives.

All Sutton taxpayers are invited to attend this hearing and to present their comments and views orally or in writing.

Dexter P. Blois, Town Administrator
October 1, 1992

Town of Millbury
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Millbury Planning Board and the Millbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, Planning Board Hearing Room, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA on a proposed by-law: "Biomedical Research By-law". Copies of the text are available at the Planning Board Office, Municipal Office Building.

Anyone wishing to be heard on the proposed by-law should appear at the time and place designated above.

Ann Kniskern, Chairwoman
September 24 and October 1, 1992

Town of Millbury
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, Planning Board Hearing Room, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA on a proposed update of Article 4, Section 47 of the Millbury Zoning by-laws, "Aquifer and Watershed Protection Overlay District."

Copies of the proposed text are available at the Planning Board Office, Municipal Office Building.

Anyone wishing to be heard on the proposed update should appear at the time and place designated above.

Section 47. Aquifer and Watershed Protection Overlay District

47.1 Findings

The Town of Millbury finds that:

(a) the groundwater underlying this Town is a significant source of its existing and future drinking water supply.

(b) the groundwater aquifers are integrally connected with, and flow into, the surface waters, lakes, and streams which constitute significant recreational and economic resources to the Town.

(c) spills and discharges of petroleum products and other toxic and hazardous materials and the discharge of sewage have repeatedly threatened the quality of such ground water supplies and related water resources throughout Massachusetts and elsewhere, posing potential public health and safety hazards and threatening economic losses to the affected communities.

47.2 Purpose of District

The purpose of the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community by:

(a) preserving and maintaining the existing and potential groundwater supplies, aquifers, and groundwater recharge areas of the Town, and protecting them from adverse development or land-use practices.

(b) preserving and protecting present and potential sources of drinking water supply for the public health and safety.

(c) conserving the natural resources of the Town; and

(d) preventing blight upon and/or pollution of the environment.

47.3 Scope of Authority

The Aquifer and Watershed Protection District shall be considered as overlaying other zoning districts. Any use not permitted in the other zoning districts shall not be permitted in the Aquifer Watershed Protection District. Any uses permitted in the portions of the districts so overlaid shall be permitted, except that where the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District imposes greater or additional restrictions and requirements, such restrictions and requirements shall prevail. This by-law is adopted under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, as amended.

47.4 Establishment and Delineation of the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District

For the purposes of this by-law, there is hereby established within the Town of Millbury an Aquifer and Watershed Protection District, consisting of aquifer recharge areas for the existing well sites, which are described herein and which may or may not be delineated on a map at a scale of one inch (1") to one thousand feet (1000'), dated September 1989, entitled Aquifer and Watershed Protection District Map, Town of Millbury.

This map shall be considered as superimposed over other districts established by the zoning by-laws of the Town. This map, as it may be amended from time to time, is on file with the office of the Town Clerk, and with any explanatory material thereon, is hereby made part of this by-law.

Where the bounds of the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District, as delineated on the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District Map, are in doubt or in dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) or special permit applicant(s) of the land in question to show where they should properly be located. The Town may engage a qualified hydrogeologist or geologist in the evaluation of groundwater resources to determine more accurately the location and extent of an aquifer or recharge area, and may charge the owner(s) or special permit applicant(s) for all, or part of the cost (up to a maximum of $5000) of the investigation, or review information submitted by the owner(s) or special permit applicant(s).

As delineated on the map, the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District includes the Primary Recharge Area, hereafter referred to as Zone II, and the Secondary Recharge Area, hereafter referred to as Zone III.

A. Zone II: That area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe recharge and pumping conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days pumping at safe yield with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the edge of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till and bedrock. At some locations, surface water features may represent recharge boundaries.

B. Zone III: That land area beyond the area of Zone II from which surface water and groundwater drain into Zone II. The surface water drainage divides as determined by topography will be used to delineate Zone III. In some locations, where surface and groundwater are not coincident, Zone III shall consist of both the surface drainage and the groundwater drainage areas.

47.5 Use Regulations Applying to the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District

A. Prohibited Uses in Zone II and Zone III

Within Zone II and Zone III the following uses are specifically prohibited:

(a) Disposal of liquid or leachable wastes other than normal sanitary waste.

(b) Sanitary landfills, disposal of solid wastes other than brush and stumps, and disposal of brush and stumps by burial.

(c) Junkyards or motor vehicle salvage operations.

(d) Any package sewage treatment plants with on-site disposal of treated effluent which exceeds the water quality based effluent limitations set forth in the Massachusetts Ground Water Discharge Permit Program (314 CRM 5.00) and specifically 314 CRM 5.10(3) (a), (b), and (c).

(e) Outside storage of road salt or other de-icing chemicals.

(f) Disposal of snow and ice that contains de-icing chemicals and that has been brought in from outside the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District.

(g) Commercial establishments or municipal facilities for the washing, servicing, or repair of motor vehicles, airplanes, or boats.

(h) Commercial establishments for the plating, finishing, etching, or polishing of metals or semiconductors.

(i) Underground storage tanks for petroleum products or any toxic or hazardous substance.

(j) Storage and/or sale of petroleum or refined petroleum products, except within building which it will heat.

(k) The storage of manure, not for the primary purpose of agriculture.

(l) Animal feedlots.

(m) The use of septic system cleaners which contain toxic chemicals.

(n) Dry cleaning establishments and/or coin or commercial laundries where cleaning is performed on the premises if not serviced by Town sewer and water.

(o) Painting, wood-preserving, or stripping paint on a commercial scale.

(p) Storage of herbicides, pesticides, or commercial fertilizers as defined in MGL 128, s.64 in amounts greater than 50 gallons or 250 pounds dry weight.

(q) Any other use which involves as a principal or accessory activity the manufacture, storage, use, or disposal of toxic or hazardous material.

(r) Chemical laboratories

B. **Special Permit Uses in Zone II and Zone III Areas**

Within Zone II and Zone III the following uses are allowed only by Special Permit:

(a) Golf courses, whether public or private.

(b) Earth removal and mining of land for on-site and/or off-site use in accordance with Section 42.

(c) Any new single family residential structure, multi- family structure, or non-residential structure or expansion of a non-residential or multi-family structure involving the retention of less than 40% of the entire lot in an open and/or vegetated state and greater than 30% impervious surface area over the entire lot.

(d) Any use where design sewage flow exceeds 110 gallons per day per 10,0000 square feet of total lot area, or 10,0000 gallons per day total design sewage flow, as calculated from the Board of Health regulations unless serviced by public sewerage.

(e) Commercial establishments for printing, photocopying, or photographic processing.

(f) Electronic circuit assembly on a commercial scale.

(g) Manufacture of semiconductors or other electronic components.

(h) Bacteriological or biomedical research laboratories.

D. **Permitted Uses**

Within Zone II and Zone III, the following uses are specifically permitted, provided all other necessary permits, orders, or approvals required by local, state, or federal law have been obtained:

(a) All ordinary and customary uses associated with expansion, maintenance, and upkeep of existing single family residential structures.

(b) All ordinary and customary uses associated with the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds of existing non-residential land uses and multi-family residential structures, without any increase in floor area, provided that the density regulations in Section 47.6 are not exceeded.

(c) New commercial development limited to retail shopping, business or professional offices, or industrial development limited to storage of non-toxic, non-hazardous materials, provided that the density regulations in Section 47.6 are not exceeded.

(d) New residential development, provided that the density regulations in Section 47.6 are not exceeded.

(e) Conservation of soil, water, plants, and wildlife.

(f) Non-intensive agricultural uses: pasture, light grazing, hay, gardening, nursery, conservation, forestry, and harvesting provided that fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and other leachable materials are not stored outdoors or in any other manner which would permit leakage thereof.

(g) Outdoor recreation, nature study, boating, fishing, and hunting where otherwise legally permitted; foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths and bridges.

(h) Normal operation and maintenance of existing water bodies and dams, splash boards, and other water control, supply, and conservation devices.

47.6 Density Regulations Applying To The Aquifer and Watershed Protection District

A. Within Zone II and Zone III, any new single family residential lot, multi-family residential lot, or non-residential lot shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) impervious surface area, or retain less than forty percent (40%) in an open and/or vegetated state, over the entire lot, without a Special Permit.

B. Unless serviced with public sewerage, within Zone II and Zone III, the design sewage flow for new development, as calculated from the Board of Health regulations, shall not exceed 110 gallons per day per 10,000 square feet of total lot area. No additional development on an already developed non-residential or multi-family residential site shall exceed this standard without a Special Permit.

C. Within Zone II and Zone III, any single family residential lot, multi-family residential lot, or non-residential lot shall conform with the following standards:

- Minimum lot area of 80,000 square feet of which a minimum of 40,000 square feet shall be contiguous upland area.
- Minimum frontage of 200 feet.
- Minimum yard depth of 25 feet in the rear and front and 10 feet on the side.
- Maximum building height 30 feet; and
- Standards for impervious surface area and retaining open and/or vegetated areas of the lot as outlined in Section 47.6 A. above.

47.7 Special Permit Requirements Within the Aquifer and Watershed Protection District

A. Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA): The Planning Board as SPGA shall have the authority to grant Special Permits as herein defined and subject to the provisions of this by-law.

A Special Permit shall be granted if the SPGA determines, in conjunction with other Town agencies as specified in Section 47.7 (C.) that the intent of this section as well as its specific criteria are met. In making such determination, the SPGA shall give consideration to the simplicity, reliability and feasibility of the control measures proposed and the degree of threat to water quality which would result if the control measures failed. In particular, for all new development, and expansion of existing non-residential and multi-family residential development within the District, groundwater quality shall not be allowed to violate State and Federal drinking water standards at the downgradient property boundary.

The Special Permit shall include an explanation by the SPGA of any departures from the recommendations of the other Town agencies.

B. **Materials to be Submitted by the Applicant(s):** The following materials shall be submitted to the SPGA (six copies) and the Town Clerk (one copy) at the expense of the applicant(s)

1. A site plan showing existing and proposed structures and the location of all facilities relevant to the other requirements specified in Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 below.

2. A complete list of all chemicals, pesticides, fuels, and other potentially toxic or hazardous materials to be used, generated, stored, or disposed of on the premises.

3. A description of proposed measures to protect all storage containers or facilities associated with such materials from vandalism, accidental damage, corrosion, and leakage. Such measures might include secure storage areas, shelters for corrodible or water-soluble materials, spill control provisions around transfer points, and a schedule of future monitoring of waste streams or groundwater on the site to ensure that proper control has been maintained.

4. A description of proposed methods by which runoff from impervious areas will be recharged into the ground within the premises, preferably by diversion into vegetated areas where surface infiltration will occur. Discharge of all runoff shall be preceded by flow through oil and grease traps. Dry wells shall be used only where surface infiltration is not feasible. Dry wells shall be equipped with oil and grease traps, and sediment traps constructed operated, and maintained in a manner acceptable to the SPGA.

5. An erosion and sedimentation control plan.

6. Projections of concentrations of nitrogen and other relevant solutes in the groundwater at the downgradient boundary of the property and at any other locations deemed pertinent by the SPGA, including downgradient drinking-water wells identified by construction of flow lines from the proposed site. Such projections shall be based upon appropriate groundwater models and the following information or standards:

- Wastewater per person: 7 pounds of nitrogen per year. Persons per dwelling unit: 4
- Lawn fertilizers: 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn per year.
- Road runoff: 0.19 pounds of nitrogen per day per lane mile.
- Background nitrogen concentration: actual on-site measurements.
- Hydraulic conductivity: Use on-site data.
- Saturated thickness: Use data from site-specific borings.
- Groundwater gradient: Use data from site-specific measurements.

These projections may not be required, as determined by the SPGA, for projects which involve no on-site discharge other than sanitary waste, and comply with the density regulations of this by-law.

C. **Review Procedures and Public Hearing**

The SPGA shall refer copies of the permit application to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Highway Superintendent, and the Sewerage Board, and shall hold a public hearing as per the provisions set forth in this by-law.

D. **The SPGA's Decision**

(a) After the public hearing, the SPGA shall coordinate, clarify, and weigh the comments and recommendations of the various Town agencies; consider the simplicity, reliability, and feasibility of the proposed control measures, and consider the degree of threat to water quality which would result if the control measures failed. It shall then issue a written decision. It may grant a special permit if it finds the proposed use:

- meets the intent of this section as well as its specific criteria;
- will not,during construction or thereafter, have an adverse impact on any aquifer or recharge area in the District;
- will not adversely affect an existing or potential water supply, and is consistent with existing and probable future development of surrounding areas; and
- groundwater quality at the downgradient boundary of the property shall not be allowed to violate State and Federal drinking water standards.

(b) In addition to the findings described in (a) above, the decision shall include an explanation of any departure from the recommendations of any other Town agencies.

(c) For projects which require approval from state agencies and/or the Millbury Board of Health, the special permit shall include a condition that no building permits shall be issued until evidence has been received by the SPGA that such required approvals have been received.

47.8 Design and Operations Guidelines

The following design and operation guidelines shall be observed for sites within any portion of the defined Aquifer and Watershed Protection District.

A. **Safeguards:** Provision shall be made to protect against toxic or hazardous materials discharge or loss resulting from corrosion, accidental damage, spillage or vandalism through measures such as: prohibition of underground fuel storage tanks; spill control provisions in the vicinity of chemical or fuel delivery points; secured storage areas for toxic or hazardous materials; and indoor storage provisions for corrodible or dissolvable materials. For operations which allow the evaporation of toxic or hazardous materials into the interiors of any structures, a closed vapor recovery system shall be provided for each structure to prevent discharge of contaminated condensate into the groundwater.

B. **Disposal:** For any toxic or hazardous wastes to be produced in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use, the applicant must demonstrate the availability and feasibility of disposal methods which are in conformance with all state and federal laws.

C. **Drainage:** Site design shall result in no increase in the peak rate of storm water runoff in a ten (10) year storm and one hundred (100) year storm. Site design shall result in no increase in the total volume of storm water runoff in a one-year storm event. Impervious materials shall not cover more than thirty percent (30%) of the total area of a single family residential lot, multi-family residential lot, or non-residential lot unless authorized by a Special Permit. Not less than forty percent (40%) of the total area of a single family residential lot, multi-family residential lot, or non-residential lot shall be maintained in an open and/or vegetated state unless authorized by a Special Permit.

The area left in its open and/or vegetated state shall be located so as to increase distances between impervious surfaces or on-site disposal systems and any surface water body or public water well. All runoff from impervious surfaces shall be recharged on the site and diverted towards areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration to the maximum extent possible.

D. **Monitoring**: Periodic monitoring may be required by the SPGA, based upon the proposed use of the site, including sampling of wastewater disposed to on-site systems or dry wells and sampling from groundwater monitoring wells to be located and constructed as specified in the Special Permit with a report and five (5) copies to be submitted to the SPGA who will distribute them to the Town Clerk, Fire Chief, Board of Health, Sewerage Board, and the Conservation Commission. The costs of monitoring including sampling and analysis, shall be borne by the owner or applicant.

E. **Erosion and Sedimentation Control**: All clearing and earthmoving operations shall occur only while erosion and sedimentation control measures, approved by the SPGA, and/or the Conservation Commission when within its jurisdiction, are in place. Such control measures shall remain in place until the SPGA and/or the Conservation Commission when within its jurisdiction, determines that the danger of erosion or sedimentation no longer exist. Hay bales shall be used as a sole measure only where it has been determined that the danger of soil erosion or sedimentation is minimal.

47.9 Definitions

Aquifer: A formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains sufficient saturated permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs.

Area of influence: The area which experiences drawdown by a pumping well as plotted on a two-dimensional map surface; usually ellipsoidal in shape.

Cone of Depression: A three dimensional conical concavity produced in a water table by a pumping well.

Discharge: The accidental spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping of toxic or hazardous materials upon or into any land or waters in the Town of Millbury. Discharge includes, without limitations, leakage of such materials from failed or discarded containers or storage systems, and disposal of such materials into any on-site sewage disposal system, drywell, catch basin, or unapproved landfill.

Ground Water: All the water found beneath the surface of the ground. In this by-law, the term refers to the slowly moving subsurface water present in aquifers and recharge areas.

Impervious Surface: Material placed by man that does not allow surface water to penetrate into the soil.

Leachable Waste: Waste materials including solid wastes, sludge, and agricultural wastes that are capable of releasing water-borne contaminants to the surrounding environment.

Mining of Land: The removal of geologic materials such as topsoil, sand, gravel, or bedrock.

Recharge Areas: Areas that collect precipitation or surface water and transmit it into the cone of depression of existing or potential water supply wells. Primary recharge areas are mapped unconsolidated aquifer areas surrounding existing or potential water supply well sites. Secondary recharge areas are till and bedrock areas adjacent to the primary areas which contribute streamflow to streams or undefined water courses or groundwater flowing through or into the primary recharge areas.

Sanitary Waste: Wastewaters arising from ordinary domestic water use as from toilets, sinks, bathing facilities, etc., and containing such concentrations and types of pollutants as to be considered normal wastes.

Solid Waste: Useless, unwanted, or discarded solid material with insufficient liquid content to be free-flowing. This includes, but is not limited to, rubbish, garbage, scrap material, junk, refuse, inert fill material, and landscape refuse.

Hazardous Waste: A waste, or combination of wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious, irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness, or pose a substantial present or

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potential hazard to human health, safety, or welfare or to the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, used or disposed of, or otherwise managed, however not to include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows.

Upland Area: That area exclusive of wetlands and floodplains as defined within the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, section 40, as amended)

47.10 Conflict With Other By-laws

This by-law shall not repeal, annul, or in any way impair or remove the necessity of compliance with any other by-law, ordinance, law, or regulation. Where this by-law and another impose differing standards for the promotion of health, safety, and welfare, the provisions of the more stringent by-law shall prevail.

47.11 Severability

A determination that any specific portion of this by-law is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid.

Ann Kniskern, Chairwoman
September 24 and October 1, 1992

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Recently, I attended a hearing by AARP (American Association of Retired People) about their "Health Care America" draft proposal. Health care reform is a vital issue these days as I read that one of our presidential candidates is making it an issue. There is to be a forum on this issue at Notre Dame Church in Worcester on October 5th.

The high cost of our medical care is at the center of the issue as well as providing for those who have no insurance coverage. It was a great temptation to get up and share with them that I wish they had this plan in effect last year because if it had been, I would now be in the presence of my precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Instead of surgery to remove my cancer, I would have had radiation treatment to try and contain it because radiation would be cheaper. All I can think of is, "You get what you pay for," and what better investment can you make than in the best medical care that the world has ever known. I don't think any doctor or hospital is going to deny anyone real life giving medical care on the basis of ability to pay.

For long-term care a care coordinator would determine what care you would need. The cry is that nursing home care is so expensive. One interesting statistic is that the national average for nursing home care is around $30,000 a year and in Massachusetts it is over $50,000 - almost double. This can use up all of your savings. Well, what better use of your savings than this kind of loving care.

As I look around Millbury, I am taken with the very good care provided right here: the housing for the elderly and the affordable housing that we in the Housing Partnership try to provide, our District Nurses, and the Adult Day Care center who take such good care of all of us. Thank God for all of our medical personnel who give of their skills and themselves. Amen.

Forum on Long Term Care

WORCESTER - A free, public forum on long-term care and health care reform will be held Monday, October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Notre Dame Church Hall, 5 Salem Square. The forum will provide an opportunity for participants to hear from candidates on the state, local and national level what they propose to do about the need for long-term care. Moderator will be Anthony Everett, correspondent, WCVB Channel 5 TV. The Notre Dame Church Hall is wheelchair accessible. An ASL interpreter will be available.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

SUTTON - The 13th annual Waters Farm Days will be held at Waters Farm on Waters Road, West Sutton, today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donation is $5.00 per car. Crafts, demonstrations, fresh cider and hot apple crisp, games for children, antique farm equipment...and much more!

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will host its semi-annual Book and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold a Harvest Supper featuring a corned beef dinner with sittings at 5 and 6:15 p.m. $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for preteens. No charge for children 5 and under.

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist church will hold its annual Fall Flea Market from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street next to the common.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

SUTTON - The 13th annual Waters Farm Days, Waters Farm on Waters Road, West Sutton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donation is $5.00 per car. Crafts, demonstrations, fresh cider and hot apple crisp, games for children, antique farm equipment...and much more!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

MILLBURY - Millbury Woman's Club meeting at noon at the First Congregational Church on West Main Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 8 p.m. at the Manchaug Baptist Church in the center of Manchaug.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion.

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